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Man Charged With 2017 DUI in Norwalk

A man has been charged for a DUI crash that injured two people in Norwalk two years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

William Leary III (dob 4/8/78) was charged in case BA475342 with one count each of driving under the influence causing injury and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury. He pleaded not guilty yesterday and is scheduled to return on May 22 for a preliminary hearing setting in Department 33 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

The case was filed for warrant on Feb. 26.

Deputy District Attorney Kaveh Faturechi of the Justice System Integrity Division is prosecuting the case.

On July 16, 2017, Leary, an off-duty California Highway Patrol officer, was allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol at a high rate of speed on Studebaker Road in Norwalk when he crashed his Chevy Camaro into the back of a parked SUV. A woman and her 10-year-old son suffered significant injuries.

If convicted as charged, Leary faces up to six years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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